

## Press Release

### Capacity building project by RENAC paves the way for renewable energy and energy efficiency in Angola



Berlin, 14/12/2011 – With the support of the German Federal Foreign Office, the Renewables Academy - one of Germany's leading educational specialists for renewable energies - will this month be undertaking a Capacity Needs Assessment in renewable energies and energy efficiency in Angola. The project forms part of RENAC's international TREE Project (TREE - Transfer Renewable Energy and Efficiency). The aim is to define the training needs in Angola along the value chains for renewable energy and energy efficiency. The assessment will take place during December, with the cooperation of the ministries and public institutions concerned. On this basis it is planned to develop specific educational offerings for the transfer of know-how, to be run over the course of next year.

Angola aims to improve the energy provision for its population with an enhanced use of new and renewable energy sources. The Government has set the target to increase the electrification rate from currently one third of the population to 100 percent in all major cities and 60 percent in rural areas. Renewable energies are crucial to achieve this aim. Large scale hydropower will play the most important role in stepping up the installed capacity from 1.200 MW to 7.000 MW during the next five years. Equally important, solar energy will help to boost energy provision in rural areas which are not connected to the grid. Although the Government is very active in creating the necessary framework conditions to benefit from the tremendous renewable energy potential of Angola, one of the biggest challenges is the training of personnel with appropriate technical expertise.

RENAC, based in Berlin (Germany), has already been supporting the development of the renewable energy and energy efficiency sector on an international scale over the last 3 years through its internationally recognized TREE education project. To date, with the support of the German Federal Environment Ministry, courses have been undertaken for participants from more than 50 countries. In November the German Federal Foreign Office took over promotion of the project. Angola has been included in the list of target countries requesting trainings in Portuguese language, together with others such as Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Mozambique, South Africa, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Ukraine. The TREE project has already won acclaim, both nationally and internationally, through a number of awards.

**About RENAC:** RENAC, based in Berlin, is an international provider of education and training and other services related to professional education in renewable energies and energy efficiency. Its range of services includes open and in-house courses, e-learning, consultancy and support of third parties in course design - from drawing up of curricula through to setting up training centers.

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